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Board of Selectmen

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2014**

Board Members Present: Tara B. White, Chairman
Michele Shalaby
Nat Yohalem

Others Present: Michael Skorput, Administrative Assistant
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary
Mark Cappadona, Colonial Power

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:01 p.m.

Colonial Power – Mark Cappadona was invited to the Select Board's meeting to educate and answer any questions the citizens of New Marlborough may have. Mark went on to explain that the ten towns involved signed a contract with Hampshire Power to secure the rate of \$.12191/kWh for the period November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015. National Grid's rate, however, is subject to change every six months. This rate is compared to National Grid's price of \$.16273/kWh. He explained that any resident now receiving electric power from National Grid will automatically be switched to Hampshire Power unless they chose to "opt out." A discussion ensued regarding "green power." Mark explained that Colonial Power has been given the charge by the ten towns to secure "green" power starting November 1, 2015. He further explained that "green power" comes in many different shades. For those residents choosing "green power," he explained they will be getting the same electric that Hampshire Power is supplying, but that "green credits" will be given to the provider to fund its project. Those "green" rates will be in addition to the price being charged by National Grid. He cautioned that residents choosing a different supplier should check every line of the contract. A question was asked regarding Community Solar Programs. Mark explained that, yes, all of that energy derived from a solar farm (Community Net Solar) would go to the community; however, there would not be enough energy from that source to power the community. Cloudy/overcast days as well as evening hours would mean less energy for the community.

Personnel Policy – A committee consisting of Owen Hoberman, John Pshenishy and Sharon Fleck has been formed. The goal of this committee is to review the current policy. Selectman Yohalem will ask Owen Hoberman if he will chair this committee. The findings of this committee, along with recommendations for change, are due back the first week of January 2015.

Emergency Services for Seniors – Selectmen Shalaby attended this meeting on Friday, November 7, 2014. She advised that Prue Spaulding put this meeting together for those who provide Senior Citizens with emergency services programs. Ed Harvey, Emergency Management Director, Police Chief, Fire Chief, a representative from Elder Services, Community Health Physicians, and Southern Berkshire Transportation, among others attended this meeting. A report on this meeting will be prepared upon Prue Spaulding's return from her trip.

Police Chief Contract – This contract has been signed; the Police Chief has a copy of this contract; a copy will be made a part of his Personnel file.

MRF Contract – Needs to be signed in order for the Town to deliver the single stream container to Springfield and get paid for it. Selectman Yohalem asked that confirmation from MRF be given for the Town to be paid for single stream between now and June 30, 2015.

Highway Superintendent – The Highway superintendent requested Select Chairman to sign off on the sale of certain equipment (the 1998 4900 and the 1997 F350) so that he can advertise and sell surplus equipment, which was approved.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary